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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Art Unit : 2814  
Examiner: Mr. Phat X. Cao

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Yasutaka SAKAINO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/229,628

Filed : January 13, 1999

For : SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT

Att'y Dkt. : 32014-141666 (Formerly OKI 4646.01)

**PETITION UNDER 37 1.183  
TO ACCEPT**

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION**

February 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to accept a Supplemental Declaration that is being filed concurrently as an attachment to an Amendment in the above-identified application, despite the fact that only two of the three co-inventors have executed the Supplemental Declaration. A copy of the Supplemental Declaration is attached hereto.

The original Declaration was executed by all three co-inventors. However, it contained a minor error -- the filing date of the Japanese priority application was specified as January 23, 1998, but the filing date was actually February 2, 1998. The Supplemental Declaration makes this correction.

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FEE Enclosed: \$130.00. Please charge  
any further fee to Dep. Acct. 22-0261.

The third co-inventor, whose signature is missing on the Supplemental Declaration, is no longer employed by the Assignee of the present application. His present whereabouts cannot be traced. Since the Supplemental Declaration merely corrects an obvious error in the date of the Japanese priority application, though, it is respectfully submitted that execution of the Supplemental Declaration by the third co-inventor is not necessary. After all, the third co-inventor has already declared the most important items specified in 37 CFR 1.63 by signing the original Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this is an appropriate situation for suspension of the rules under 37 CFR 1.183 (see also Section 603 of the MPEP).

The \$130 petition fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(h) is included in a remittance that is being submitted concurrently (along with an extension-of-time fee). Should this remittance be inadvertently missing, however, or should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 22-0261, and advise the undersigned attorney accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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